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FOR ATHERTON FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EAIR LE
SUBJ: CALL BY MUNIR ABU HAIDAR

REF: STATE 170670, STATE 164666

1. TMA CHAIRMAN MUNIR ABU HAIDAR CALLED ON ME JULY 23 AND SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT CAB JULY 13 REPORT, WHICH RECOMMENDS ISSUING TMA AMENDED FOREIGN AIR CARRIER PERMIT FOR ONLY 60 DAYS, HAD ALREADY REACHED WHITE HOUSE. HE MAINTAINED THAT CAB REPORT WAS EVEN "MORE SEVERE" THAN U.S. OFFER IN INITIAL NEGOTIATIONS, SINCE REPORT RECOMMENDED TMA BE GRANTED ONLY THREE SCHEDULED FLIGHTS PER WEEK IN EACH DIRECTION ON BEIRUT-NEW YORK RUN, WHEREAS USG HAD OFFERED FOUR FLIGHTS PER WEEK DURING EARLIER NEGOTIATIONS.

2. ABU HAIDAR CLAIMED IF U.S. DELAYED RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS UNTIL AFTER PRESIDENT APPROVED CAB REPORT, ISSUE WOULD BE ESSENTIALLY PREJUDGED, AND THERE WOULD BE LITTLE POINT IN FURTHER TALKS. ABU HAIDAR THEREFORE ASKED THAT STATE DEPARTMENT REQUEST: (A) THAT NEGOTIATIONS RESUME AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE; AND (B) THAT WHITE HOUSE DELAY SIGNATURE OF CAB REPORT UNTIL NEGOTIATIONS TOOK PLACE.

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3. WITHOUT JUDGING MERITS OF CASE, I AM SYMPATHETIC TO ABU HAIDAR'S POSITION FROM PROCEDURAL POINT OF VIEW. LEBANESE WERE READY TO NEGOTIATE LAST MONTH. AUGUST 8 WOULD STILL HAVE GIVEN THEM POSSIBILITY OF NEGOTIATING BEFORE CAB FINDING CAST IN CONCRETE. POSTPONEMENT TO INDEFINITE DATES LOOKS LIKE WE SANDBAGGING LEBANESE, I.E., PRESENTING THEM WITH

FAIT ACCOMPLI AND FORCING THEM TO TAKE IT. ABU HAIDAR
REALIZES TMA WILL BE OBLIGED IN END TO ACCEPT AMERICAN
POSITION, BUT WE OWE IT TO LEBANESE TO FOLLOW PROCEDURES
WHICH AT LEAST GIVE THEM FAIR OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT THEIR
CASE.
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